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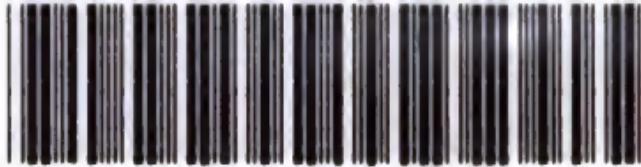
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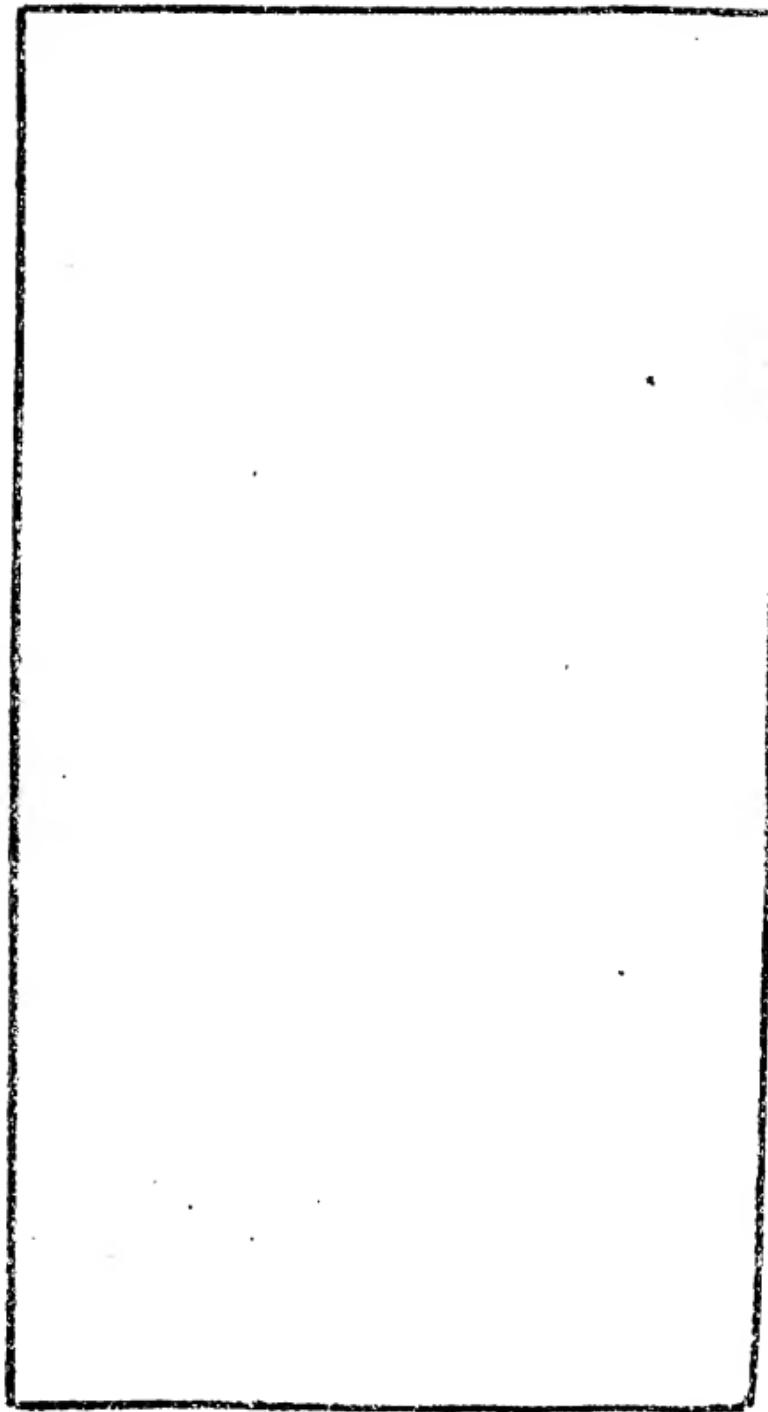


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**PRAYERS  
FOR  
COMMUNICANTS.**



A SHORT MANUAL  
OF  
Prayers for Communicants,

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## DEVOTIONS FOR SEVERAL OCCASIONS,

By a Priest of the Church of England.

"O send out Thy light and Thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacles. Then will I go unto the altar of God."

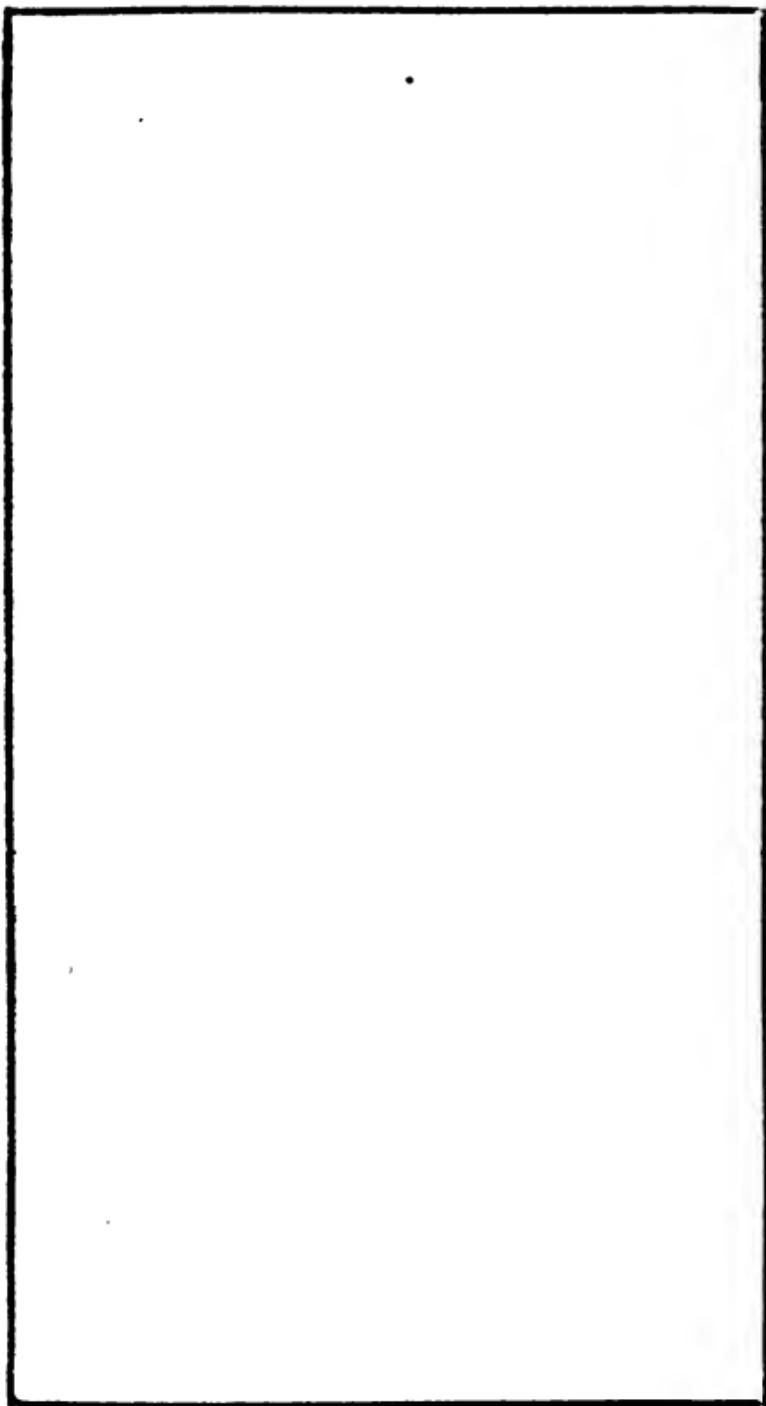
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The writer does not think it necessary to preface a little book of prayers, such as this, with an explanation of the nature and institution of the holy Sacrament of the LORD's Supper.—This is supplied by the Common Prayer Book itself: and those who require more information than is afforded in the Catechism, the Exhortations to the Holy Communion, and the Articles, will not expect to find it in so short a space as could be given it here.

If the following prayers should prove of assistance to any, as a part of their devotions, in preparing for, and receiving, the holy Communion; or as suggesting words, whereby they may any the more easily express the thoughts and desires of their hearts to GOD, the intention of the writer will be fully answered, and his expectations more than realized.

### Preparatory Meditation.

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O BLESSED and eternal JESU,  
Who didst leave the bosom of  
the FATHER, and emptying Thyself  
of Thy glory, didst come down from  
heaven to save us sinners from the  
power of the devil and from the ever-  
lasting pains of hell ; and didst hum-  
ble Thyself to become the Son of  
Man, that we might be exalted to be  
made the sons of GOD ; and didst die,  
that we might live.

O Thou, Who wast wounded and  
bruised, crucified and slain, for our  
iniquities ; and hast redeemed us to  
God by Thy Blood ; and art gone to  
prepare a place for us ; and art our

Advocate with the FATHER; and hast sent unto us Thy HOLY GHOST to comfort us; and hast promised that Thou wilt come again and receive us unto Thyself, that we may be with Thee where Thou art, and may behold Thy glory for ever.

How can we, wretched sinners, ever worthily think of this Thy incomprehensible love towards us? How can we ever thank Thee and praise Thee enough for all that Thou hast done for us?

And yet, how wanting are we, even at the best of times, in love and devotion to Thee; notwithstanding all the great things which Thou hast done and suffered for our sakes! How little return do we ever try to make for all Thy love to us!

O merciful LORD, it was because Thou knewest from the first how cold would be our love, and how apt we

should be even to forget Thee, that Thou didst institute this holy Sacrament; and of Thy infinite love to us, on the very night in which Thou wast betrayed, didst command us to "do this",—to eat this bread and drink this cup, in remembrance of Thee,—to shew forth Thy most precious passion and death, both to God the FATHER and before men, by this perpetual memorial, until Thy coming again.<sup>a</sup>

And because Thou knewest our weakness, and how utterly unable we are of ourselves to do, or desire, or even think, any good thing, without Thy Almighty Presence helping us; therefore Thou didst ordain it also a means whereby more especially Thou wouldest make Thyself known to us, whereby Thou wouldest even

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<sup>a</sup> 1 Cor. xi, 25, 26.

communicate Thyself to us, and in an unspeakable manner, take up Thy abode in us, and become one with us.

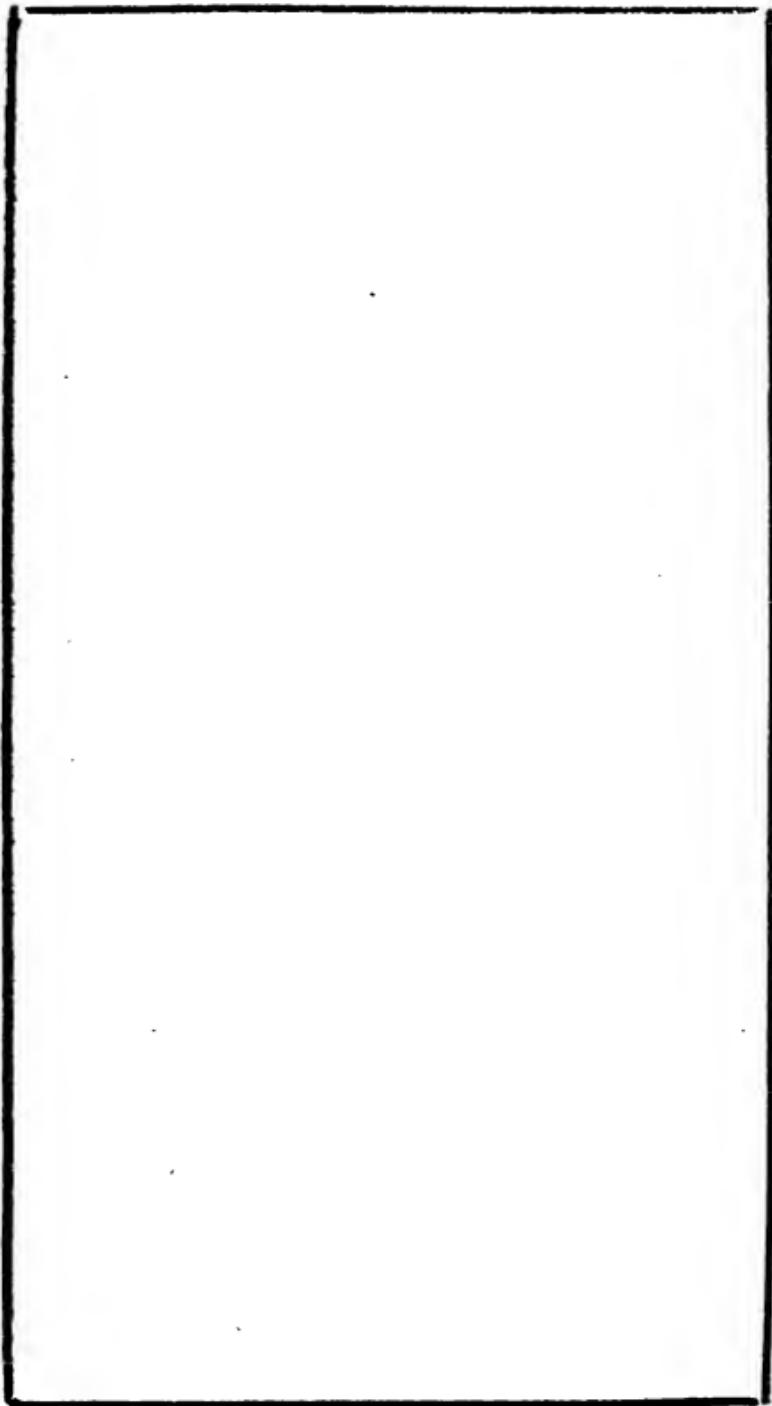
And to this end, Thou didst in Thine infinite wisdom, and in pity for our infirmities, make choice of bread and wine, which are the food of our bodies, to instruct our understanding, and assure our faith of That, where-with Thou, Who art the Life, wouldst vouchsafe to feed the souls of Thy servants ; even Thine own blessed Body, which was broken, and Thy precious Blood, which was poured out, for us once, upon the cross.

O LORD GOD, the knowledge of this heavenly mystery is too wonderful and high for me to attain to ; O do Thou increase my faith, and enlarge all the powers of my soul to apprehend it aright, so far as I am allowed and as Thou requirest of me.

O let not my mind be taken up

with vain and fruitless questionings as to how this thing can be ; but give me grace, in all humility and thankfulness, to embrace this offer of Thyself, and to open my mouth wide that I may be filled with the fulness that is in Thee. I know by Thine own word, that if I come worthily, that bread and that cup shall be for all the intents and purposes of Thy passion and death, the communication of Thy Body and Blood to my soul. This is enough for me to know ; O that I knew it as I ought ! O that nothing in me may prevent me from obtaining all that Thou art ready to bestow in this unspeakable Gift !

Our FATHER, &c.



## Of Self-examination.

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IN order to that self-examination and confession of sin, which is required in such as intend to come to the holy Communion, it is adviseable (especially for those who may be but beginning to turn to GOD) to divide the term of their past life into periods, commencing from as far back as they can remember. Each period may consist of such a length of time as they have passed in one place, or in one condition of life : as for instance, for the period of childhood, they may take the years during which they remained under their parents' roof : and for that of boyhood, the time which they spent at this or that school, and so on. This will help them to reflect on such incidents as we naturally connect with particular times and places ; and will bring to their mind offences, committed in time past, against GOD, their parents, their

neighbour, or themselves, which will otherwise be left behind them unnoticed, and become at length too remote to be remembered, or else too faintly recollected to be repented of.

And let not any one suppose that such a process is unnecessary ; nor regard any known sin as inconsiderable ; for Solomon says, that “even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.”<sup>a</sup> The power to commit actual sin begins together and is commensurate with the ability to discern between good and evil. We have no ground for supposing that there is any period of our life at which our good or bad actions are allowed by GOD to pass unnoticed, or that our taking but slight account of them ourselves, will prevent their being recorded against us, by Him, Who has declared, that He will “bring *every* work into judgment, with *every* secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.”<sup>b</sup> We may indeed hope

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<sup>a</sup> Prov. xx, 11.

<sup>b</sup> Ecclesiastes xii, 14.

that, if we heartily repent of those sins which we can remember, GOD will, of His great mercy, overlook and pass by those which we have forgotten: but it would be a mockery of His clemency to set lightly by any known sin, when His justice is pledged to punish it, unless it be repented of. Even when we have done our utmost, our sorrow will bear but a slight proportion to our guilt. The more sincere our repentance is, the more sensible we shall be of its imperfection, and the more shall we appreciate that grace which has led us to it—that mercy, which has given us time for it—and that goodness, which will not be extreme to mark what is done amiss, so that we be sincere; and which has promised forgiveness, for JESUS CHRIST's sake, to all true penitents.

It will also tend, in some cases, towards the self conviction of those who desire seriously to examine themselves, if they will take their conscience to witness, as in the sight of GOD, against each of their members,

severally, of such sins as it may have borne a part in : <sup>c</sup> bearing in mind, that as members of CHRIST's mystical Body, and the purchase, both body and spirit, of His most precious Blood, we are responsible to Him for the right use and exercise of all our bodily senses and faculties, and of all the powers of our souls : remembering also, that as we are now invited to approach His holy Presence at His altar, so hereafter, we "must all appear before His judgment seat ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad ;" <sup>d</sup> and that it is only through the blood of His cross, that we who have been enemies in our mind to GOD, by wicked works, can be reconciled to GOD again ; only in the body of His Flesh, through death, that we can hope to be presented, at the last day, holy and unblameable, and unproveable in His sight. <sup>e</sup>

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<sup>c</sup> See page 18.      <sup>d</sup> 2 Cor. v. 10.

<sup>e</sup> Col. i, 20, 21, 22.

My ears have listened to evil, and have taken pleasure in foolish, and idle, and unchaste conversation. How shall they hear Thy words, which are pure? How shall I hearken to Thy commandments, which are holy?\*

bountiful table be not greedy upon it, and say not, there is much meat on it. Remember that a wicked eye is an evil thing: and what is created more wicked than an eye? Therefore it weepeth upon every occasion.

S. Matt. vi, 23. If thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness.

d Proverbs xxviii, 9. He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Ibid. xxi, 13. Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard.

Eph v, 3, 4, 6, 12. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named amongst you, as becometh saints; neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient.—Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience—for it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

My mouth has uttered wicked and perverse words; and my lips have given vent to malicious, deceitful, and impure communications. How shall I open them unto Thee? How shall I pray unto Thee? How shall I praise Thee? How shall I feed upon Thee? <sup>e</sup>

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*e* Eph. iv, 25, 29, 31. Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.—Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.—Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice.

Wisdom i, 11. Beware of murmuring, which is unprofitable; and refrain your tongue from backbiting: for there is no word so secret that shall go for nought, and the mouth that believeth, slayeth the soul.

Rev. xxi, 8. All liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

Exod. xx, 7. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

S. Matt. xii, 34, 35, 36, 37. Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out

My hands have dealt wickedly.  
How shall I lift them up unto Thee?  
How shall I lay hold upon Thee?<sup>f</sup>

My feet have wandered out of the

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of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

<sup>f</sup> Eccles. ix, 10. Whatsoever thy hand findest to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest.

Eph. iv, 28. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.

Deut. xv. 7. Thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother.

Ecclesiasticus iv, 81. Let not thine hand be stretched out to receive, and shut when thou shouldest repay.

S. Matt. v, 30. If thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.

right way, and have gone on obstinately in the way of disobedience and ungodliness. How shall they return to Thee? How shall they draw near unto Thee? How shall I stand in Thy sight? <sup>g</sup>

I have yielded my body and all my members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, and was not ashamed. Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? What is man, that he should be clean; or he that is

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<sup>g</sup> Prov. 1, 10, 15. My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not—walk thou not in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path.

Ibid, iv, 14, 15. Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Avoid it, pass not by it, turn from it, and pass away.

S. Mark ix, 45, 46. And if thy foot offend thee, cut it off: it is better for thee to enter halt into life, than having two feet to be cast into hell, into the fire that never shall be quenched: where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.

S. John xiii, 10. He that is washed, needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit.

born of a woman, that he should be righteous? Behold, Thou puttest no trust in Thy saints; yea, the heavens are not clean in Thy sight. How much more filthy and abominable am I!<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> Job xiv. 4; and xv, 14, 15, 16.

Romans xiii, 12, 13, 14. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day: not in rioting and drunkenness; not in chambering and wantonness; not in strife and envying: but put ye on the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

1 Cor. vi, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20. Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the **Lord**; and the **Lord** for the body: and God hath both raised up the **Lord**, and will also raise up us by His own power. Know ye not that your bodies are the members of **Christ**? Shall I then take the members of **Christ**, and make them the members of an harlot? God forbid!—What! know ye not that your body is the temple of the **Holy Ghost**, which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with

My understanding is clouded and ignorant. The thoughts, and desires, and imaginations, of my heart are earthly and sensual. My faith is weak, my hope unstedfast, my love cold. I have neither loved Thee nor feared Thee as I ought. My best intentions are feeble ; my best resolutions wavering. My inclinations are naturally evil : my will is perverse : my whole spirit, soul, and body, have been weakened and defiled by sin. I am unclean, unclean. O wretched man that I am ! who shall deliver me from the body of this death ? O what shall I do when God riseth up ?

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a price : therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Cor. iii, 17. If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy ; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

and when He visiteth, what shall I answer Him? ;

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¶ Romans vii, 24; Job xxxi, 14.

S. James i, 8. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

S. Luke xvi, 13. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Rev. xxi, 8. The fearful and unbelieving—have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.

1 John iii, 20. If our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things.

S. James iv. 7, 8, 9, 10. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you, draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands ye sinners, and purify your hearts ye double minded. Be afflicted and mourn and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the LORD, and He shall lift you up.

Isaiah i, 16, 17, 18. Wash you, make you clean, put away the evil of your doings from before Mine eyes: cease to do evil, learn to do well.—Come now and let us reason together saith the LORD; though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow, though they be red like crimson they shall be as wool.

Supplication for the benefit  
of Christ's mediation and atonement.

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**O** BLESSED JESU, by Thine  
agony and bloody sweat, by Thy  
strong crying and tears:

By Thine eyes which wept over the  
impenitent city, which looked with  
pity upon Peter, and which were  
blindfolded:

By Thine ears opened by the FA-  
THER, and which heard the reproaches  
and false accusations, the revilings  
and blasphemies of wicked men.

By Thy mouth in which was found  
no guile, which spake as never man  
spake, and prayed for them that cru-  
cified Thee:

By Thy lips full of grace, which  
permitted the traitor's kiss, and tasted  
the vinegar and the gall:

By Thy head crowned with thorns,

buffeted, and smitten with a reed:

By Thy face exposed to shame and spitting:

By Thy body stripped naked, and lashed and furrowed with scourges:

By Thy most holy and innocent hands and spotless feet nailed to a cross:

By Thy heart pierced with a spear, and by the water and the blood:

By Thy body broken, and Thy blood shed for the sins of the world,

LORD JESUS, have mercy upon me, and intercede for me with the FATHER, that for Thy sake He may be merciful unto me, and forgive me all my sins, and lift up the light of His countenance upon me.

By all that Thou hast done and suffered to save sinners,

Have mercy upon me a sinner, and help me and save me, good LORD JESUS. Amen. Amen.

Prayer to God for pardon.

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O HOLY LORD GOD and heavenly FATHER, Who hatest all iniquity, and yet desirest not that any sinner should perish: Who so lovest the souls which Thou hast created, as not to spare even Thine own SON, but deliver Him up to die for us; and Who hast promised to receive all that truly repent and come unto Thee by Him—

Have pity upon me a miserable sinner, who now with shame and sorrow of heart confess my sin unto Thee, and beg for mercy and forgiveness.

O LORD, I am grieved and ashamed, and angry with myself, when I consider how foolishly, and ungratefully,

and obstinately, I have resisted Thy holy will, and followed after my own destruction. I loath and abhor myself, when I think of all the profaneness and impiety, the malice and deceitfulness, the selfishness and impurity, of which I have been guilty.

I acknowledge that I am utterly without excuse, and that there is no help in me; for in me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing. I cannot atone or make amends to Thee for any evil I have done, any more than I can make it to be undone again.

If Thou, LORD, shouldst enter into judgment with me, and mark what I have done amiss—O LORD, how shall I abide it?

In mercy, therefore, O LORD, hide Thy face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.<sup>a</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> Psalm li, 9.

O remember not the sins and offences of my youth ; but according to Thy mercy think Thou upon me, O LORD.<sup>b</sup>

For Thy name's sake, O LORD, pardon my iniquity, for it is great.<sup>c</sup>

O LORD God, with my whole heart I desire to return to Thee. With my whole heart I renounce and forsake all my temptations and all my lusts,—everything that would draw me away from Thee—I will henceforward, give up and devote my whole self, all that I have and all that I am, to Thy obedience and service ; and I will endeavour, by Thy grace, with all my mind, and soul, and strength, to keep Thy holy will and commandments, and to walk in the same all the days of my life.

O LORD, there is nothing in me to

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<sup>b</sup> Psalm xxv, 6.

<sup>c</sup> Ibid, ver. 11.

move Thee to pity me. O look not upon my sinfulness, but look upon the face of Thy Anointed;<sup>d</sup> look upon Thy only well-beloved Son, in Whom Thou art always well pleased. O remember the sorrow wherewith Thou didst afflict Him in the day of Thy fierce anger.<sup>e</sup> Remember how He was bruised for our iniquities. Behold the wounds, wherewith He was wounded for our transgressions.<sup>f</sup> Look upon that precious blood, which He shed forth for the sins of the whole world, and have mercy upon me.

Have mercy upon me according to Thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.<sup>g</sup>

Wash me throughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.<sup>h</sup>

For Thy own infinite love and ten-

<sup>d</sup> Psalm lxxxiv, 9. <sup>e</sup> Lam. i, 12. <sup>f</sup> Isaiah lili, 5.

<sup>g</sup> Psalm li, 1.

<sup>h</sup> Ibid, ver. 2.

der pity's sake ; for Thy mercy and for Thy truth's sake ; for the infinite merits, and for the precious passion and death of Thy own dear Son :

Have mercy upon me, and forgive and save me. Amen. Amen.

It is our bounden duty also to pray for those who have ever been our companions in wickedness, and those whom we have in any way caused or encouraged to commit sin—to make separate mention of them by name, and beg of GOD to extend to them the same mercy, and the same grace which we ask for ourselves. And we must also pray to GOD to bless those whom we have ever wronged or offended by word or deed, and those who may have injured us : and beseech Him to give us all grace to forgive and love one another, and so to live according to His holy will in this world, that we may all at length meet together in His heavenly kingdom.

## Prayer for the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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**O** MOST merciful and loving FATHER, Who workest in us both to will and to do of Thy good pleasure—I humbly thank Thee for that Thou hast now given me the desire to do Thy will. O do Thou increase this desire in me more and more.

**O** LORD my GOD, of my own self I cannot rightly perform any of those things which I have promised, and which it is my duty to do. But Thou hast declared by Thy well-beloved SON, that Thou wilt give Thy HOLY SPIRIT to those that ask Thee.

**O** my GOD, I, Thy sinful and weak creature, and unworthy child, do now humbly beseech Thee to give Thy HOLY SPIRIT to me.

O make me more deeply to feel my need of His grace, and more earnestly to desire and seek it. O let Him work powerfully and effectually in me, and fulfil in me all the good pleasure of Thy will, to Thy glory, and to my soul's eternal good.

O give me Thy HOLY SPIRIT, to incline me to good, to divert me from evil, to make me more sorrowful for my sins, more fearful of offending Thee, more anxious to please Thee, more thankful for Thy benefits, more submissive under Thy chastisements, more resigned to Thy disposal, more earnest in the pursuit of heavenly things, less careful about worldly things, more holy in all my thoughts, more pure in all my desires, more temperate in all my enjoyments, more watchful over my temper, more dutiful in all my relations, more humble in my opinion of myself, more charit-

able in my judgment of others, more discreet in all my conversation, more kind and considerate in all my behaviour, more diligent in all my duties, more stedfast in all good resolutions, more careful of my time, more mindful of my end.

O let Thy HOLY SPIRIT be ever with me, to teach, to enlighten, to guide, to help, to comfort, to purify, to sanctify me, that I may be both inclined and enabled to do Thy will, in simplicity and without reserve; to serve Thee with devotion and diligence; to worship Thee with reverence; to pray unto Thee with fervency; to trust in Thee with confidence; to hope in Thee with perseverance; to wait on Thee with patience; to praise Thee with joyfulness; to love Thee unfeignedly; to approach Thy holy altar with all humility and thankfulness, and so to

glorify Thee in all the rest of my life,  
that in my death I may find mercy,  
and after death may be admitted as  
a meet partaker, through grace, of  
the everlasting inheritance of the  
saints in light, for Thy dear SON JESUS  
CHRIST's sake. Amen.

Our FATHER, &c.

Prayers before coming to the holy  
Communion.

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I.

**O** MOST merciful GOD, I confess to Thee, that I am unworthy of the least of all those mercies which Thou bestowest upon me continually, and that I have oftentimes provoked Thee to withdraw Thy goodness altogether from me.

**O** LORD, if Thou hadst dealt with me according to my deserts, how justly mightest Thou have long ago turned Thy face away from me, and left me to be overcome of the devil, and to perish in my disobedience.

**But, O** LORD God, Thou hast still

had patience with me, and continued Thy mercy and Thy great goodness toward me, and hast even condescended to plead with me by the dealings of Thy providence, and hast convinced me of sin by the witness of Thy good SPIRIT, and hast given me grace, in some measure, to repent of my wickedness, and to turn to Thee through faith in Thy dear SON Who died for me. And as if this were not enough, O good GOD—and because Thou knowest how weak and unstable I am to any good purpose, and because Thou wouldest more forcibly draw me toward Thyself, and constrain me to abide in Thy love,—Thou offerest me now the greatest Gift of all; Thou invitest me to approach Thy holy table, and promisest to feed my soul, with the most holy Body and most precious Blood of Thy dear SON.

O LORD, Thou knowest how unworthy I am to come, and yet Thou biddest me come notwithstanding. Thou callest me to seek Thy face ;— Thy face Lord will I seek.

O give me the grace so to seek, that I may find. O let me so hunger and thirst, that I may not be sent empty away. O satisfy me with the plenteousness of Thy house ; and let me be so strengthened, by this heavenly food, that I may never tire in the work which Thou wouldest have me to do, nor faint in the way that I should walk in, until I shall arrive at Thy heavenly kingdom, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

## II.

O BLESSED JESU, Who gavest Thyselv once for my life upon the cross, and now offerest Thyself

to me again, to be my strength and comfort: give me, I beseech Thee, a clean heart to entertain Thy love, and a right spirit to embrace Thy truth and to rejoice in it. Give me a single eye that I may discern Thy Body and Blood in this holy mystery, and let the light of Thy countenance disperse the dull cloud of earthly imaginations that would veil Thee from my soul. O fit and prepare me for Thyself; for it is no less than Thyself that Thou art about to bestow upon me, if I come aright. O humble me, that I may know my need of Thee and of Thy grace. O quicken in me desires in proportion to my need. O let me be satisfied with nothing short of Thyself, that I may not fail of obtaining Thee, according to Thy promise: and, O, when Thou givest Thyself to me, make me to feel how great a thing I have

received; lest, from not worthily considering Thee, I sin ungratefully against Thy goodness, and defraud my own soul of its life and blessedness. O feed, O satisfy me with Thyself, and save my soul alive. O let my soul live, O GOD of my life, and it shall praise Thee: O shew me Thy mercy, O LORD my KING, and I will love Thee: O grant me Thy salvation, O GOD my SAVIOUR, and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever. Amen. Blessed JESU. Amen.

### III.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER and everlasting God, I, Thine unworthy servant, humbly desire to come to Thy holy table, and to eat and drink of that heavenly food which Thy blessed Son giveth to us, even His own Body and Blood.

O let Thy good SPIRIT help me to approach Thine altar worthily, with a due, and most thankful, and devout, remembrance of His precious passion and death. O do Thou purify my heart from all carnal affections, and give me grace to cast away all worldly thoughts and all irrelevant considerations, that I may be entirely free, and wholly intent, to serve and worship Thee.

Fill my soul with a holy awe and reverence of this sacred, this incomprehensible, mystery, that I may rightly and worthily commemorate the adorable love, the unknown sufferings, the perfect and allsufficient sacrifice, of Thine only well-beloved SON, our SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST.

O do Thou look down from heaven graciously and mercifully upon us, and behold the sacred memorials of His one offering of Himself: and

grant, O good LORD, that I, and all who with me are about to shew forth His death, may be made partakers of His most holy Body and Blood: that so our souls may be fed and strengthened, and our hearts comforted and refreshed, and filled with Thy love, and our whole selves sanctified, and rendered meet for Thine obedience and service here, and prepared for Thy heavenly kingdom hereafter, for the same, Thy dear SON JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

Prayers to be said in Church at the time of  
the celebration of the holy Communion.

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*On first kneeling down.*

**L**ORD have mercy.

**C**HRIST have mercy.

**L**ORD have mercy.

**L**ORD God, heavenly FATHER,  
shew me the light of Thy coun-  
tenance, that in Thy light I may see  
light:

And hereafter let me behold Thy  
glory.

**J**ESUS, Master, make me to know  
Thy love, which passeth knowledge ;  
and fill my soul with love, and thank-  
fulness, and devotion, to Thee, and  
with charity to all men :

And grant me Thy salvation.

**H**OLY SPIRIT, sanctify and com-

fort me, teach and guide me, confirm, strengthen, stablish me :

Leave me not neither forsake me,  
O **LORD** **GOD** of my salvation.

**HOLY TRINITY**, one **GOD**, have mercy upon me, and help me, and save me ;

And let me not be disappointed of my hope. Amen.

**O** **BLESSED SAVIOUR JESU**, Who hast commanded, "Do this in remembrance of Me," **LORD**, I am about to do this now in remembrance of Thee. **LORD**, help my forgetfulness, and create in me a more loving, and thankful, and abiding, remembrance of Thee ; and by all that Thou hast done and suffered for me, I beseech Thee, look graciously upon me, and think upon me for good, and remember me now and in the hour of my death. Amen.

*At the Offertory.*

ALL that is in the heaven and in the earth is Thine, O LORD,<sup>a</sup> and Thou givest to all life, and breath, and all things.<sup>b</sup>

All things come of Thee, and of Thine own do we give Thee.

Thou art my God, and I will thank Thee: Thou art my God, and I will praise Thee.<sup>c</sup>

Blessed be Thou, O LORD; and blessed be He that cometh in the name of the LORD;<sup>d</sup> and blessed be Thy glorious name for ever and ever. Amen. Amen.

ACCEPT, O LORD, the offerings of Thy servants; and let the administration thereof be blessed by Thee, to the supply of those that need; and

*a* 1 Chron. xxix, 11.

*c* Psalm cxviii, 28.

*b* Acts xvii, 25.

*d* S. Matt. xxi, 9.

redound, through their thanksgivings, to the glory of Thy name, through JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

*Before the Consecration.*

**O** HOLY and ever blessed JESU, our Great High Priest, Who didst offer up Thyself once for our sanctification and redemption, and by Thine own blood didst enter into Heaven, and there appearest now in the presence of GOD for us;—Grant, I humbly beseech Thee, that as Thou hast accomplished Thy FATHER's will for us, so, while we shew forth Thy death, His good pleasure may be fulfilled in us, to Thy glory, and to our everlasting salvation. Amen.

*After the Consecration.*

**O** HEAVENLY FATHER, look, I beseech Thee, upon Thine only

well-beloved SON, in Whom Thou art always well pleased. Behold the LAMB which Thou hast provided from the foundation of the world, the LAMB which was slain, and which taketh away the sins of the world, and for the sake of His holy, allsufficient sacrifice; which we commemorate, have mercy upon us. Amen.

*Before receiving.*

O BLESSED LORD JESU, I am about to eat this bread, and drink this cup, in remembrance of Thy Body broken, and of Thy Blood shed, upon the cross for me. LORD, Thy Flesh is meat indeed, and Thy Blood is drink indeed. Thou hast said, "This is My Body"; "This is My Blood". The words which Thou speakest, they are spirit and they are life. LORD, I believe, help Thou

my unbelief. LORD, be it unto me according to Thy word. Amen. Amen.

*After receiving the Bread.*

**M**Y BELOVED is mine, and I am His.

Glory be to Thee, O blessed JESU, for feeding my soul with the Bread of Life, even Thine own Flesh, which Thou givest for the life of the world.

Deliver me, O CHRIST, by Thy crucified Body, from this body of sin and death ; and quicken me to a new, a holy, and an eternal life. Amen. Amen.

*After receiving the Cup.*

**M**Y BELOVED is mine, and I am His.

Glory be to Thee, O blessed JESU, for giving me to drink of the Fountain

of Life, even of Thine own Blood, which was shed for the sins of the whole world.

O let Thy precious Blood cleanse me from the guilt of all my sins, and purge my conscience from dead works to serve Thee, the living God. O let it nourish my soul for the life of faith and obedience, which I resolve to lead from this time forth, and strengthen me for those good works which God hath ordained for me to walk in. Amen.

O SAVIOUR JESU, grant that this blessed communion with Thee, may be effectual to produce in me a most entire conformity with Thee ; that I may be perfectly joined unto Thee, and be one spirit ; that the same mind may be in me which was in Thee ; that Thy will may be my will ; that I may love Thee, and abide in Thy love for ever. Amen.

*After retiring from the Altar.*

WHENCE is it to me that my  
LORD should come unto me !  
LORD, Thou knowest how unworthy  
I am ; but since it is Thy good plea-  
sure, O do Thou never leave me  
now that Thou art come. Pardon,  
good LORD, whatsoever Thou findest  
amiss, and command that all things be  
as Thou wouldest have them. Com-  
mand that all be still, and let Thy  
voice alone be heard as LORD and  
Master here. Let Thy light shine,  
and illuminate every dark and secret  
place, that no sinful affection lurk  
any longer unrestrained. Drive out  
whatsoever offends Thee, and take  
full possession against whatever evil  
may be likely to intrude. Let the  
fire of Thy love burn and consume  
all that is defiled, and keep kindled  
the offering of my heart. Let the

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abundance that is in Thee supply my emptiness and lack of all good things, and Thy riches make up for my poverty and need. Let Thy grace be sufficient for me, and let Thy strength be made perfect in my weakness. Make my whole self a fit habitation for Thy holy Presence, and all that is in me ready and meet for Thine obedience and service; and for Thy great love's sake wherewith Thou hast loved me, O be pleased to dwell in me, and to abide with me, now and for evermore. Amen. Blessed JESU. Amen.

## Prayers after Communion.

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### I.

I WILL give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart; secretly among the faithful, and in the congregation.<sup>a</sup>

The merciful and gracious LORD hath so done His marvellous works, that they ought to be had in remembrance.<sup>b</sup>

He sent redemption unto His people; He hath commanded His covenant for ever; holy and reverend is His name.<sup>c</sup>

He hath given meat unto them

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<sup>a</sup> Psalm cxl, 1. <sup>b</sup> Ibid, ver. 4. <sup>c</sup> Ibid, ver. 9.

that fear Him; He will ever be mindful of His covenant.<sup>d</sup>

Thou art my portion, O LORD; I have said that I would keep Thy words.<sup>e</sup>

I have sworn, and I will perform it, that I will keep Thy righteous judgments.<sup>f</sup>

O think upon Thy servant, as concerning Thy word; wherein Thou hast caused me to put my trust.<sup>g</sup>

Order my steps in Thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.<sup>h</sup>

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity; and quicken Thou me in Thy way.<sup>i</sup>

O hold Thou up my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.<sup>j</sup>

O look Thou upon me, and be

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<sup>d</sup> Psalm cxi, 5. <sup>e</sup> Psalm cxix, 57. <sup>f</sup> Ibid, ver. 106.

<sup>g</sup> Psalm cxix, 49. <sup>h</sup> Ibid, ver. 133. <sup>i</sup> Ibid, ver. 37.

<sup>j</sup> Psalm xvii, 5.

merciful unto me, as Thou usest to do unto those that love Thy name.<sup>k</sup>

Let Thy loving mercy come also unto me, O LORD, even Thy salvation, according to Thy word.<sup>l</sup>

O establish me according to Thy word, that I may live; and let me not be disappointed of my hope.<sup>m</sup>

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

GLORY be to Thee, O blessed JESU, Who of Thine infinite love and compassion, didst give up Thyself to die for us upon the cross; and hast now given Thyself to us in this holy Sacrament, to be the food of our souls.

Pardon, O LORD, whatsoever Thou

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<sup>k</sup> Psalm cxix, 132. <sup>l</sup> Ibid, ver. 41. <sup>m</sup> Ibid, ver. 116.

hast seen amiss in me, or in any of Thy servants; and be pleased at this time, and ever, day by day, to manifest Thyself to us more perfectly. Let Thy Presence be with power toward us; that by Thy Body, we may be more and more crucified to the world, and dead to sin; and by Thy Spirit, may be more and more transformed into the image of Thy glory.

O make us more humble in penitence, more perfect in obedience, more stedfast in faith, more joyful in hope, more undivided in love, more pure, and holy, and charitable, in all our thoughts, and words, and actions.

Graciously incline us so to listen to Thy word and to follow Thy example, that all our life long Thy blessed promises may be our comfort, and, when this life is ended, Thyself our joy and exceeding great reward. Amen. Amen.

## II.

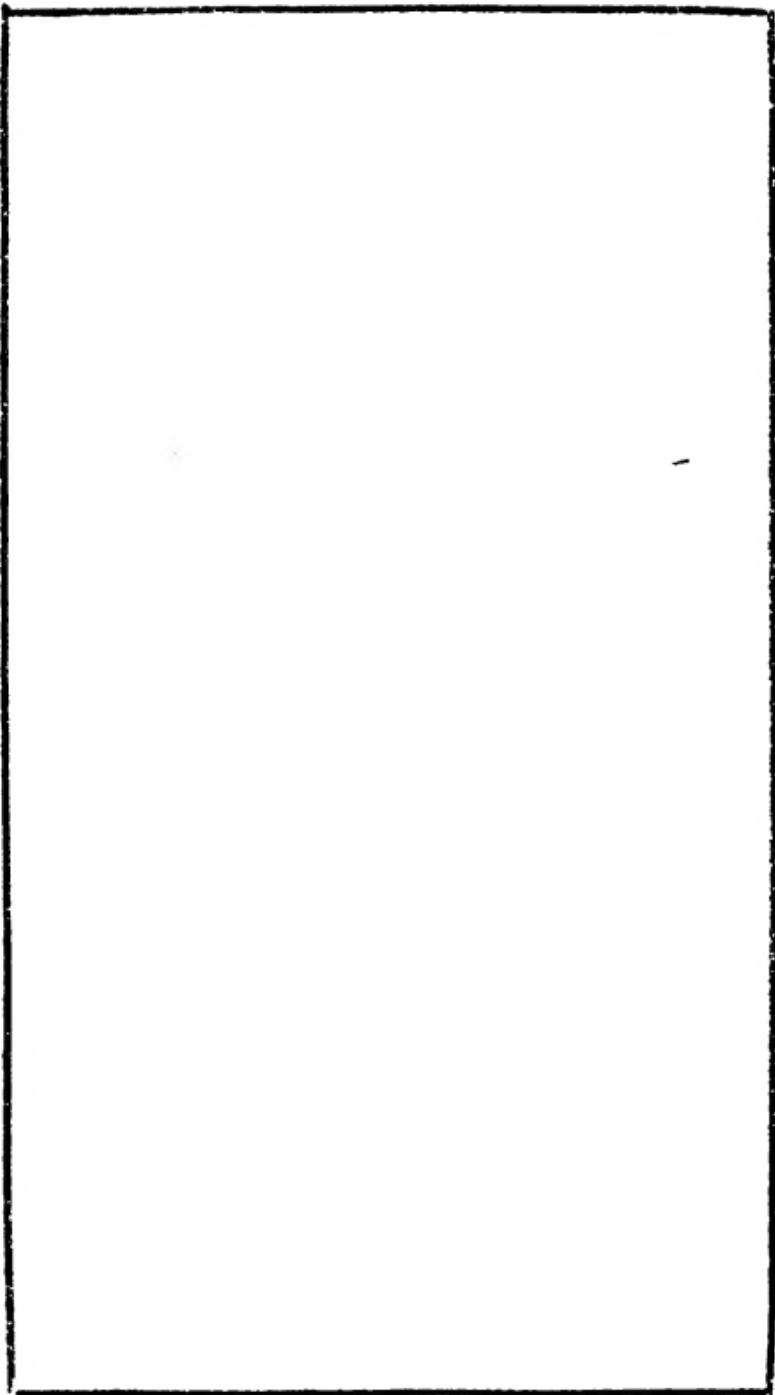
O BLESSED JESU, my gracious GOD and SAVIOUR, Who of Thy infinite love and mercy, hast now deigned to feed me with Thy own Body and Blood—what can I say to Thee for this?—LORD, I acknowledge to Thee, that I have but a poor feeble sense of the blessedness of which Thou hast made me a partaker. I cannot worthily conceive of the value of this inestimable Gift, and my heart falls infinitely short in its return of thankfulness to Thee.

Forgive, I pray Thee, the weakness of my faith, the coldness of my love. Make not Thyself any longer strange unto me; but reveal Thyself now to me, in the beauty of Thy glory, and manifest Thyself in me, by the power of Thy grace. O give me that faith whereby I may more perfectly realize Thy Presence in me, and that

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love which may constrain me to surrender myself unreservedly to Thy good will and pleasure. Go on graciously to accomplish that which Thy goodness intended in this holy Sacrament. Let this Bread of Life support and nourish the life of God in my soul ; and with the continuance of that life, let me ever be growing up more and more, in all things, into Thee. O let the thought that Thou art with me,—that Thou God seest me,—possess me everywhere and at all times, that I may never allow myself, for a moment, in any temper, or inclination, that is not according to Thy mind. And do Thou graciously vouchsafe so to direct and assist me, by Thy HOLY SPIRIT, that in every thought, and word, and action, of my life, I may henceforward endeavour only to serve and please Thee, and to shew forth Thy praise. Amen.

**DEVOTIONS**  
**FOR SEVERAL OCCASIONS.**



**An act of Adoration and Thanksgiving.**

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**G**LORY be to Thee, O holy, blessed, and glorious TRINITY, three Persons in one GOD; from everlasting to everlasting, glory be to Thee.

Glory be to Thee, O holy LORD GOD, almighty FATHER, Who hast made me and all the world, in Whose hand our life is, and from Whom all good things do come; against Whom I and all men have sinned; Who hast, nevertheless, had mercy upon us, and so loved us, as to send Thy SON into the world, to reconcile us unto Thyself and to save us.

Glory be to Thee, O holy LORD JESU CHRIST, eternal SON of GOD, Who for our sakes wast made Man, and didst dwell among us, and didst die upon the cross ; that Thou mightest bear our iniquities, and make atonement for our sins ; that for Thy sake GOD might forgive us our trespasses, receive us into favour, and bestow upon us everlasting life.

Glory be to Thee, Who wast dead and buried, and didst rise again, and ascend unto the FATHER ; Who now sittest at GOD's right hand, and ever livest to make intercession for us : and Who shalt hereafter come again to be our JUDGE.

Glory be to Thee, O HOLY SPIRIT of the FATHER and the SON, Who spakest by the Prophets, Who inspir-  
edst the Evangelists, and enduedst the holy Apostles with many excellent gifts ; Who regeneratest and sancti-

fiest us, Who helpest and comfortest us, Who teachest and enlightenest us, and guidest us into all truth.

GLORY be to Thee, O holy FATHER, SON, and SPIRIT, one GOD, for all Thy love, and mercy, and goodness, towards all Thy creatures ; but especially for all Thy goodness, and for all the wonders, which Thou doest for the children of men.

Glory be to Thee, O holy LORD GOD, for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness toward this church and nation, notwithstanding our many and grievous sins ; for the preservation of the Truth, and of Thy holy worship and service among us ; and for all the temporal mercies and blessings which Thou bestowest upon us.

And glory be to Thee, O merciful LORD GOD, for all Thy goodness towards me, Thy sinful and unworthy

creature, for which I can never sufficiently praise and bless Thee.

Glory be to Thee, by Whose power I was wonderfully made, and by Whose providence and care I have been preserved alive unto this hour.

Glory be to Thee for all the blessings, both temporal and spiritual, which Thou hast bestowed upon me ; for that I was born in this Christian country, and early admitted into the Christian covenant, and into the communion of Thy holy Church ; for my education and instruction in Thy truth ; for all the opportunities and means of grace that have ever been afforded me.

Glory be to Thee for my health and strength, and for the use Thou hast vouchsafed me of the powers and faculties of my mind and body ; and for the sufficiency of all temporal good things.

Glory be to Thee, for all my parents' care over me, and for theirs who had the charge of me in my youth, and for the kindness and acquaintance of those who have been my friends.

Glory be to Thee, for that Thou hast watched over me in the way that I have gone, and hast granted me the protection and ministry of Thy holy Angels; for that Thou hast mercifully preserved me from many evils which might have befallen me, and delivered me out of many difficulties and dangers.

Glory be to Thee, for that Thou hast kept me back many times from the commission of those sins which I have been addicted to, and for that there are some sins from the act of which I have hitherto been, by Thy grace, altogether preserved.

But above all, glory be to Thee, for that notwithstanding my many

great and grievous sins, and all my ingratitude to Thee, Thou still hast, nevertheless, not cut me off in my sins, but hast borne long with me, and hast spared me thus far, and hast of Thy mercy chastened and corrected me, and allowed me place for repentance.

O Thou, who hast of Thy goodness shewn so great mercy toward me, who am most unworthy of the least, all blessing and glory, all praise and thanksgiving be unto Thee. O do Thou magnify Thy mercy yet more upon me, and grant yet this above all, that Thy grace and Thy mercy toward me may never have been in vain.

O still continue Thy loving-kindness towards me. Make me to know daily more of Thee, and give me grace to love Thee ever more and more, and to serve Thee better and better, so long as Thou shalt grant me yet to

live. And, O, take me not hence till Thou shalt have perfected that which concerneth me: till I shall have obtained the pardon of all my sins; till I shall have been forgiven all my negligences and shortcomings in the work which Thou hast given me to do; and till I shall have found mercy and peace with Thee, through the perfect satisfaction of Thy only well-beloved Son, my LORD and SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

An act of Intercession.

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**LORD, have mercy.**

**CHRIST, have mercy.**

**LORD, have mercy.**

**God, be merciful to me a sinner.**

**God, be merciful to me, one of the  
chief of sinners.**

**O LORD, save Thy people,  
And bless Thine inheritance.**

**LORD, hear my prayer,  
And let my crying come unto Thee.**

**O ALMIGHTY FATHER, eternal  
God, I, Thy unworthy servant,  
humbly beseech Thee to bless Thy  
holy Church in all the world, and  
especially that branch of it which**

Thou hast planted in this land: defend her against all assaults, from within and from without, of heresy, schism, infidelity, and sacrilege: establish her in the truth of Thy holy gospel; and grant that she may continue stedfast and faithful unto the end.

Bless our archbishops and bishops, priests and deacons, and endow them with the manifold gifts and graces of **Thy HOLY SPIRIT**: especially, I beseech Thee, to bless Thy servant our bishop, and the clergy of this diocese. Send forth more labourers into Thy harvest;<sup>a</sup> and bless the endeavours of all who preach Thy holy gospel, at home and abroad, to the glory of Thy name, and to the salvation of souls, for **JESUS CHRIST**'s sake. Amen.

Bless **Thy servant Victoria**, our queen, with every good and every

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<sup>a</sup> **S. Luke x, 2.**

perfect gift in her body and in her soul: grant her wisdom and good success in all her undertakings: defend her against all her enemies: grant her a long life and a happy reign over us, and bring her at last to Thy heavenly kingdom, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Bless all her royal family with all Thy good blessings: bless all that are in authority under her, and direct them in the administration of the affairs of her dominions, and in the distribution of justice. Give the victory to her armies and navy, and bless all her subjects, in their several stations and conditions. Give to the rich and prosperous grace to consider and to relieve the necessities of their poorer brethren; and to those who are poor and of low estate to be sober and industrious, honest and contented. Bless all those who live godly and do

good works in Thy name, and reward them with Thy everlasting good things: and make us all to be of one heart and of one mind together, in truth, and peace, and love.

LORD, in Thy mercy, I pray for all; convince the unbelieving: convert the unconverted: give repentance to those who are continuing in wilful and deliberate sin: enlighten the ignorant: instruct the young and the unlearned: strengthen the weak: establish the wavering: confirm the strong: restore the repenting: call home the wandering: lift up those that fall; and, beat down satan under our feet.

Have mercy on all who are in poverty or in distress: relieve their necessities and supply their wants.

Have mercy on all who are sick or diseased: relieve their pains and restore them to health.

Have mercy on those who are with child; and grant them a safe and a happy delivery in their full time.

Have mercy upon the young children.

Have mercy upon the aged and the infirm, the widows and orphans.

Have mercy upon all idiots and mad persons.

Comfort those that mourn.

Defend all that are in danger, whether of body or of soul, and send them help from Thy holy place.

Fit and prepare for their departure those whom Thou art about to call hence; and have mercy upon their souls.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

CHRIST, have mercy upon us.

LORD, have mercy upon us.

And enter not into judgment with Thy servants, for in Thy sight shall

no man living be justified: but spare us, good LORD: let Thy goodness lead us all to repentance, and to the true knowledge and love of Thee and of Thy Son, JESUS CHRIST our SAVIOUR: and grant that we may, by Thy grace, be enabled so to live and walk according to Thy holy will in this life, that we may hereafter attain to everlasting life in Thy kingdom; where, with all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, as my hope is ——— hath, may we for ever glorify Thy holy name, through JESUS CHRIST, our blessed LORD and SAVIOUR. Amen.

Have mercy, O LORD, upon Thine ancient people, the Jews. Take away the veil from their hearts,<sup>b</sup> and give them grace to turn unto Thee, that they may be healed. Pour upon

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<sup>b</sup> 2 Cor. iii, 16.

them the Spirit of grace and supplications,<sup>c</sup> and cause them to look upon Him Whom they have pierced.<sup>d</sup> Turn them, O God our SAVIOUR, and cause Thine anger toward them to cease.<sup>e</sup> Shew them Thy mercy, O LORD, and grant them Thy salvation.<sup>f</sup>

Extend Thy compassion also, O LORD, to the heathen that have not known Thee, and to the kingdoms that have not called upon Thy name.<sup>g</sup> Let the Sun of Righteousness arise<sup>h</sup> upon the people that walk in darkness, and that dwell in the shadow of death;<sup>i</sup> and let the light of Thy gospel shine upon them.<sup>j</sup> O speak peace unto the heathen,<sup>k</sup> that they may fear Thy name;<sup>l</sup> and let the dominion of Thy blessed Son be enlarged, even

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<sup>c</sup> Zech. xii, 10. <sup>d</sup> Ibid. <sup>e</sup> Psalm lxxxv, 4. <sup>f</sup> Ibid, 7.

<sup>g</sup> Psalm lxxix, 6. <sup>h</sup> Mal. iv, 2. <sup>i</sup> Isaiah ix, 2.

<sup>j</sup> 2 Cor. iv, 4. <sup>k</sup> Zech. ix, 10. <sup>l</sup> Psalm cii, 15.

to the ends of the earth,<sup>m</sup> that there may be one fold, and one Shepherd.<sup>n</sup> So shalt Thou sprinkle many nations,<sup>o</sup> and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our GOD.<sup>p</sup> Thy mercy, O LORD, endureth for ever: despise not then the works of Thine own hands,<sup>q</sup> for Thy dear SON JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

Our FATHER, &c.

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<sup>m</sup> Zech. ix, 10. <sup>n</sup> S. John x, 16. <sup>o</sup> Isaiah lli, 15.

<sup>p</sup> Isaiah lli, 10. <sup>q</sup> Psalm cxxxviii, 8.

A Litany, to be said for one who is sick  
or dying.

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O GOD the FATHER, have mercy  
upon Thy servant *N.* pity and  
spare *him.*

O God the SON, have mercy upon  
*him*, save and deliver *him.*

O God the HOLY GHOST, have  
mercy upon *him*, help and comfort  
*him.*

O HOLY TRINITY, have mercy  
upon *him.*

From murmuring and impatience,  
Deliver *him*, O LORD.

From evil and unbelieving thoughts,  
Deliver *him*, O LORD.

From despair of Thy mercy,  
Deliver *him*, O LORD.

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From putting *his* trust anywhere  
else but in Thee,  
Deliver *him*, O LORD.

From the too great fear of death,  
Deliver *him*, O LORD.

From the guilt and burden of *his*  
sins,  
Deliver *him*, O LORD.

From the power of sin,  
Deliver *him*, O LORD.

From the malice of the devil,  
Deliver *him*, O LORD.

From eternal death,  
Deliver *him*, O LORD.

From the place of torment,  
Deliver *him*, O LORD.

By Thy Incarnation,  
O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy Nativity,  
O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy Circumcision,  
O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy Baptism,  
O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy Fasting,

O **LORD**, deliver *him*.  
By Thy Temptation,  
O **LORD**, deliver *him*.  
By Thy going about working miracles and doing good,  
O **LORD**, deliver *him*.  
By Thy Life of Sorrow,  
O **LORD**, deliver *him*.  
By the multitude of Thy Griefs,  
O **LORD**, deliver *him*.  
By Thy perfect and entire Obedience,  
O **LORD**, deliver *him*.  
By Thine Agony and bloody Sweat,  
O **LORD**, deliver *him*.  
By Thy strong Crying and Tears,  
O **LORD**, deliver *him*.  
By Thy Betrayal and Apprehension,  
O **LORD**, deliver *him*.  
By Thy Meekness and Patience,  
O **LORD**, deliver *him*.  
By Thy quiet endurance of Shame and Spitting, of Blindfolding and Buffeting, of Scourging and Crown-ing with Thorns, of Mockeries and

Insults, and of the Clamours of the  
Multitude for Thy Blood,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy Bearing Thy Cross,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy Crucifixion,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy bitter Passion,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By the Hiding of Thy FATHER's  
Face,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy Commendation of Thy  
Spirit into His almighty hands,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy precious Death,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy Burial,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy glorious Resurrection,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy wonderful Ascension,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy Sitting at the Right Hand  
of God the FATHER,

O LORD, deliver *him*.

By Thy continual Intercession,  
O LORD, deliver *him*.

By the Grace of the HOLY GHOST  
the COMFORTER,  
O LORD, deliver *him*.

O LAMB of GOD, that takest away  
the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon *him*.

O LAMB of GOD, that takest away  
the sins of the world,  
Grant *him* Thy peace.

LORD, have mercy.

CHRIST, have mercy.

LORD, have mercy.

Our FATHER, &c.

But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O ALMIGHTY God and merciful  
FATHER, I humbly beseech  
Thee to have mercy upon Thy ser-  
vant, who now lieth under Thy heavy  
hand. Grant *him*, O LORD, true  
repentance and the full remission of  
all *his* sins; patience and resignation

to Thy holy will; the relief of *his* pains; the guard and ministry of Thy holy Angels; the comfort and support of Thy blessed SPIRIT. Restore *him* to health and strength, if it be Thy will, that *he* may live and praise Thee; but if Thou art about to call *him* hence, O do Thou fit and prepare *him* for *his* departure: give *him* a firm trust and an humble hope in Thy mercy, through CHRIST JESUS; perseverance, even unto the end; peace at the last; and everlasting life hereafter in Thy kingdom, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

## On the Eve of a Birth-day.

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O LORD, Thou hast searched me out, and known me.<sup>a</sup>

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity ; and in sin did my mother conceive me.<sup>b</sup>

Thou knowest my foolishness ; and my sins are not hid from Thee.<sup>c</sup>

O remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions : according to Thy mercy remember Thou me for Thy goodness' sake, O LORD.<sup>d</sup>

So teach me to number my days, that I may apply my heart unto wisdom.<sup>e</sup>

O satisfy me early with Thy mercy ; that I may rejoice and be glad all my days.<sup>f</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> Psalm cxxxix, 1. <sup>b</sup> Psalm li, 5. <sup>c</sup> Psalm lxix, 5.

<sup>d</sup> Psalm xxv, 7. <sup>e</sup> Psalm xc, 12. <sup>f</sup> Ibid, ver. 14.

O ALMIGHTY FATHER, Who art God from everlasting, in whom we live, and move, and have our being, and by whose mercy I have been spared to the end of another year: give me, I beseech Thee, true repentance for all my past sins and failings, and a stedfast resolution to endeavour to serve Thee better for the time to come. And let the grace of Thy HOLY SPIRIT help me so to live and walk before Thee every day, that when all my days are gone, my spirit may depart in peace and in Thy favour, and my flesh may rest in hope of a blessed resurrection to eternal life, through Thy infinite mercy, and for the alone merits of Him, who was made Flesh, and dwelt among us, and died and rose again for us, Thy blessed SON, JESUS CHRIST our LORD and SAVIOUR. Amen.

## On a Birth-day.

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THY hands, O God, have made me  
and fashioned me.<sup>a</sup>

My substance was not hid from  
Thee, when I was made in secret.<sup>b</sup>

Thine eyes did see my substance,  
yet being unperfect; and in Thy book  
were all my members written, which  
in continuance were fashioned, when  
as yet there was none of them.<sup>c</sup>

I will praise Thee; for I am fear-  
fully and wonderfully made.<sup>d</sup>

By Thee have I been holden up  
from the womb: Thou art He that  
took me out of my mother's bowels:  
my praise shall be continually of  
Thee.<sup>e</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> Psalm cxix, 73. <sup>b</sup> Psalm cxxxix, 15. <sup>c</sup> Ibid, 16.

<sup>d</sup> Psalm cxxxix, 14. <sup>e</sup> Psalm lxxi, 6.

Every day will I bless Thee ; and I will praise Thy name for ever and ever. *f*

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY GHOST ;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

#### Prayer for the Morning.

O THOU, who in the beginning didst create the light, and didst cause me, as on this day, first to behold it ; grant me, I beseech Thee, to see and know more and more of that true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world : and give me grace so to walk as a child of light here, that I may hereafter attain to the light of everlasting life, in Thy eternal and glorious king-

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*f* Psalm cxlv, 2.

dom, through JESUS CHRIST, Thy SON, our LORD. Amen.

Prayer for the Evening.

O BLESSED and eternal SON of GOD, who wast incarnate of a pure Virgin, that Thou mightest cleanse us men from the sin wherein we all were conceived and born, and didst die upon the cross to atone for our offences and to reconcile us to the FATHER; grant me Thy grace, I beseech Thee, that forsaking every evil habit and the sins of my past life, I may henceforth devote myself more entirely to Thy service, and may endeavour daily so to follow Thine example in all holy obedience, that after this life, I may be received into that blessed place, which Thou art gone to prepare for all Thy disciples. Amen.

## On the Anniversary of Baptism.

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FATHER, I have sinned against heaven, and in Thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called Thy SON.<sup>a</sup>

But, like as a father pitieth his children; so Thou, O LORD, pitiest them that fear Thee.<sup>b</sup>

For Thou knowest our frame, Thou rememberest that we are but dust.<sup>c</sup>

Have mercy upon me, therefore, O GOD, according to Thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of Thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.<sup>d</sup>

Wash me throughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.<sup>e</sup>

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<sup>a</sup> S. Luke xv, 21.    <sup>b</sup> Psalm ciii, 13.    <sup>c</sup> Ibid, 14.

<sup>d</sup> Psalm li, 1.    <sup>e</sup> Ibid, 2.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.<sup>f</sup>

Create in me a clean heart, O GOD; and renew a right spirit within me.<sup>g</sup>

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy HOLY SPIRIT from me.<sup>h</sup>

Remember me, O LORD, with the favour that Thou bearest unto Thy people: O visit me with Thy salvation.<sup>i</sup>

That I may see the good of Thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation, that I may glory with Thine inheritance.

Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY GHOST;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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<sup>f</sup> Psalm li, 7.

<sup>g</sup> Ibid, 10.

<sup>h</sup> Ibid, 11.

<sup>i</sup> Psalm cxi, 4.

<sup>j</sup> Ibid, 5.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, heavenly FATHER, I give Thee humble thanks, for that Thou hast vouchsafed to receive me for Thine own child by adoption, and to call me, as on this day, to the knowledge of Thy grace, and faith in Thee. Increase this knowledge, and confirm this faith in me evermore ; and grant that having been signed with the sign of the cross, I may never be ashamed to confess the faith of CHRIST crucified ; but manfully fight under His banner, against sin, the world, and the devil ; and continue CHRIST's faithful soldier and servant unto my life's end.<sup>k</sup>

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*k* Baptismal Service.

Prayer for a Husband and Wife, to be said  
by them either together or apart.

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BLESS me, O God, and my wife  
(or husband) *N.*, (or Bless us,  
O God). As Thou hast united us in  
Thy holy ordinance and made us one  
flesh, so grant that we may be of one  
heart and of one mind, united in  
love, to Thee and to one another in  
Thee: that we may be a blessing to  
each other and to all about us. Give  
Thy holy Angels charge over us, to  
preserve us from every adversity of  
soul and body. Let us not yield to  
the temptations of the devil, the  
world, or the flesh, nor set our  
affections too much on the things of  
this life; but give us grace to deny  
ourselves, to take up our cross, and  
to follow Thee. Increase our faith,  
increase our hope, increase our love.

Let Thy HOLY SPIRIT guide us into all truth, and enable us to continue stedfast in the belief and obedience of Thy holy Gospel, and in the communion of Thy holy Church, even unto the end. Bless us both with health and strength, if it be Thy will, and with whatever else Thy good providence shall see best both for our souls and bodies. Receive our thanks and praises for all the blessings already vouchsafed to us; for all Thy gifts of grace, of nature, and of providence; for that Thou hast directed, and prospered, and watched over us, (and given us children), for all Thy mercies and deliverances, and for that Thou hast brought us safely to the beginning (or end) of another day. LORD, make us more thankful for Thy great goodness, and enable us to make a right use of all the abilities Thou

givest us, of mind, body, and estate, according to Thy will, to Thy honour and glory, and to the benefit of our fellow creatures. Comfort and support us in all the trials and troubles of this life; and grant that we may resign ourselves patiently and entirely to Thy holy will in all things. Give us true repentance, and the full pardon of all our sins past, and grace that we may hereafter walk before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days. Fit and prepare us for our departure hence: and whensover it shall please Thee to call us, O do Thou at the last grant us Thy peace, and everlasting life in Thy kingdom, where, with all Thy servants departed this life in Thy faith and fear, (as our hope is\*—hath,) may we for ever glorify Thee, O

*\*Here may be inserted the name of a child or relation departed.*

FATHER, SON, and HOLY GHOST, O  
GOD most High, for JESUS CHRIST  
His sake. Amen.

A prayer to be said in behalf of Children.

HEAR Thou also our prayer, O FATHER, for the children which Thou hast given us. As Thou hast breathed into them the breath of life and made them living souls, so do Thou inspire continually the living Spirit of Thy grace into their souls, that if they live they may live unto Thee. Give Thy holy Angels charge over them, to preserve them from all the powers of evil, and from every bodily harm. Grant that they may be sound in mind, and healthy in body. Give them a devout, a religious, a courageous, a chaste, a modest, a loving, a contented, a cheerful, a charitable, a wise, an humble, and

an obedient heart. Bless us in our management of them, and direct us in their education, that we may bring them up in Thy faith, fear, and love, and that they may be a joy and a comfort to us. Grant that they may serve Thee faithfully in this life, and hereafter, through Thy merey, obtain everlasting life in Thy kingdom, for the sake of Thy dear SON, JESUS CHRIST, our LORD and SAVIOUR. Amen.

**A prayer for Morning or Evening.**

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**Confession.**

**O** HOLY, holy, holy, LORD God, almighty and everlasting, Who hast made me and all the world, I confess to Thee that I have been a grievous sinner in Thy sight, from my childhood until now, I have offended against Thee, O my God, times without number, by thought, word, and deed.

**LORD, have mercy upon me.**

**CHRIST, have mercy upon me.**

**LORD, have mercy upon me.**

Forgive me, I beseech Thee, all my sins and wickednesses, both those which I know and can remember, and those which I have forgotten;

and make me more sorrowful for them. And let Thy grace enable me so to watch and strive against every temptation for the time to come, and so to lead the rest of my life according to Thy will, that when I come to die, I may through Thy mercy receive the full pardon of all my sins, and may depart in peace, and be admitted into Thy everlasting kingdom, for the alone merits and death of Thy dear Son JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

#### Prayer for Grace.

**S**END down, I humbly beseech Thee, O God, the grace of Thy HOLY SPIRIT into my heart, to enable me to mortify my evil lusts and desires, to subdue my unruly tempers, and to refrain my tongue from evil speaking and from wicked and unkind words. And, from whatsoever may be displeasing to Thee, and hurtful to my

own soul ; from my ghostly enemy, and from every bodily harm, do Thou defend and deliver me, both now and ever, for JESUS CHRIST's sake. Amen.

*Or thus.*

**G**IVE me, I pray Thee, O my GOD, a deeper conviction of the reality of those things which are not seen ; that I may be more watchful against the assaults of my spiritual enemies, and more desirous of Thy grace ; less careful about the things of this life, and more diligent in seeking after those things which are above, where CHRIST sitteth at Thy right hand. Amen.

**Thanksgiving.**

**O**MERCIFUL God and heavenly FATHER, I give Thee thanks with my whole heart for all Thy

goodness and loving-kindness toward me Thy unworthy servant, especially for the mercies of the day (or night) past. **LORD**, make me more thankful, and grant that in all my thoughts, and words, and actions, it may be my first desire and chief endeavour to please Thee. Amen.

#### Intercession.

**C**ONTINUE Thy goodness, O my God, I pray Thee, towards me, and all for whom I ever pray, or who ever pray for me: especially I beg Thy blessing upon——and all my relations and friends.

Watch over us all for good: give us grace to devote our whole selves, all that we are, and all that Thou givest us to Thine obedience and service, and to submit ourselves patiently and entirely to Thy holy will

in all things. Send down Thy HOLY SPIRIT into our hearts. Make us to know Thy will, and incline and enable us to perform it. Convince us of sin, and lead us to repentance. Increase and confirm our faith. Excite and encourage our hope. Quicken our love. Enlarge our charity. Make clean our hearts. Mortify our bodies. Sanctify our souls. Preserve us from error. Direct us in doubts. Guide us into all truth. Pardon our failings. Help our infirmities. Blot out our sins. Hear all our prayers. Supply all our wants. Guide all our actions. Prosper our hands. Direct all our paths. Hold up our goings. Defend us in dangers. Comfort us in sorrows. Support us in temptations. Let us live to Thy glory. Prepare us for death. Grant us Thy peace here; and everlasting life in Thy kingdom hereafter, where, with

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all Thy servants departed in Thy faith and fear, (as my hope is—  
hath,) may we for ever glorify Thy holy name, through JESUS CHRIST our LORD. Amen.

Our FATHER, &c.

THE grace of our LORD JESUS CHRIST, and the love of GOD, and the fellowship of the HOLY GHOST, be with us all evermore. Amen.







